



St. Mary Magdalen

St. Francis

The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2022

“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” Lk 2:1-14

ST. MARY MAGDALEN

1099 Charles Avenue, Worland, WY

Mass Schedule

Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Spanish (except 1st Sunday of the month) and 5:00 p.m.

Pastor: Fr. Robert Rodgers

Deacon: Mike Martinson

Parish office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

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ST. FRANCIS

801 Arapahoe/PO Box 272, Thermopolis, WY

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

1st Sunday of the month Mass: 11:00 a.m.

Thursday: 8:00 a.m.

Pastor: Fr. Robert Rodgers

Parish office hours in Worland but available by

phone Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Rectory Phone – 307-864-2458

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*Forever I will sing the goodness
of the Lord. Ps 89*

From Fr. Robert

Incense symbolic dimensions

"Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a gold censer. He was given a great quantity of incense to offer, along with the prayers of all the holy ones, on the gold altar that was before the throne. The smoke of the incense along with the prayers of the holy ones went up before God from the hand of the angel" (Rev 8:3-4)

Since the beginning of the Church (and going way back to our Jewish roots), incense has been part of our liturgy. St. John, in the book of Revelation, has a vision of it being part of the heavenly liturgy. It is one of those elements of the Mass that help emphasize the transcendent nature of what we're doing – we are engaged in nothing less than the worship of the one true God.

Incense has several different symbolic dimensions worth appreciating, which are rooted in Sacred Scripture. Firstly, there is the symbolism of our prayers rising up to God. Secondly, there is the pleasant fragrance which engages yet another one of our senses as we worship. Thirdly, all throughout the Bible, a *cloud* has been the symbol of the presence of God.

For instance, this is how the book of Exodus concludes (as the Israelites continue their journey in the desert): "Finally, [Moses] set up the court around the tabernacle and the altar and hung the curtain at the gate of the court. Thus Moses finished all the work. Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. Moses could not enter the tent of meeting, because the cloud settled down upon it and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. Whenever the cloud rose from the tabernacle, the Israelites would set out on their journey. But if the cloud did not lift, they would not go forward; only when it lifted did they go forward. The cloud of the

LORD was over the tabernacle by day, and fire in the cloud at night, in the sight of the whole house of Israel in all the stages of their journey" (Ex 40:33-48).

Especially as we enter into the celebration of Christmas, during which we have such a strong desire to "Come let us adore Him", don't be surprised if the three Wise Men bring a little more incense this year.

El incienso es un símbolo muy fuerte de la presencia de Dios y de nuestras oraciones que suben al cielo. Enseguida son algunos pasajes de la Biblia que ilustren este símbolo. Espero usar el incienso más durante la Misa. "Finalmente [Moisés] levantó el atrio alrededor del Tabernáculo y del altar, y puso la cortina a la entrada del atrio. Así terminó Moisés toda la obra. Entonces la nube cubrió la Tienda de la Reunión y la gloria del Señor llenó el Tabernáculo. Moisés no podía entrar en la Tienda de la Reunión, porque la nube moraba sobre ella y la gloria del Señor llenaba el Tabernáculo. En todas las etapas, cuando la nube se levantaba del Tabernáculo, los hijos de Israel se ponían en marcha. Si no se levantaba, no partían hasta que se levantara. Pues durante el día la nube del Señor se posaba sobre el Tabernáculo, y durante la noche el fuego se posaba a la vista de la casa de Israel. Así en todas las etapas" (Ex 40:33-48).

"Y cuando abrió el séptimo sello se hizo un silencio en el cielo de una media hora. Entonces vi a los siete ángeles que están de pie delante de Dios. Les entregaron siete trompetas. Vino otro ángel y se quedó en pie junto al altar con un incensario de oro. Le entregaron muchos perfumes para que los ofreciera, con las oraciones de todos los santos, sobre el altar de oro que está ante el trono. Y ascendió el humo de los perfumes, con las oraciones de los santos, desde la mano del ángel hasta la presencia de Dios" (Ap 8:1-4).

Si los tres Reyes Magos trajeron el incienso al niño Jesús, ¿porque no deberíamos nosotros hacer lo mismo?

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means '**God is with us!**'" (Is 7:14. Mt 1:23).



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St. Francis
Daily Mass Schedule, Mass Intentions & Readings for the Week

Thursday, December 29, 2022	1 Jn 2:3-11
Mass: 8:00 a.m.	Lk 2:22-35
Intention: Terry Viktorin +	
Saturday, December 31, 2022	1 Jn 2:18-21
Mass: 5:00 p.m.	Jn 1:1-18
Intention: Intention of Donor	
Sunday, January 1, 2023	Nm 6:22-27
Mass: 11:00 a.m.	Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Intention: Intention of Pastor	Gal 4:4-7
	Lk 2:16-21

Deceased +

St. Francis
Weekend Lay Ministry Schedule:

	December 31 5:00 p.m.	January 1 11:00 a.m.
Lectors:	Bernadine B.	Ron Barkley
Altar Servers:	Volunteers	Nate King and Abel Cordingly
Eucharistic Ministers:	Bernadine and Nancy Ready	Sharon and Kent Coringly
Musicians:	Bernadine	LK Group
Rosary:	Bernadine	Knights of Columbus

"OUR RETURN TO THE LORD"

St. Francis

Last Weekend's Collection: \$1,849

Living and Giving in Christ 2022

Goal: \$19,242

Remaining Balance: \$6,187

We are grateful for your generosity and appreciate your loyalty to our parish. Thank you for embracing the biblical vision of stewardship and tithing. Donations to Living and Giving in Christ can be made at <https://stfrancisthermopolis.com/give>

No CCD Classes December 21 & 28. Classes will resume on January 4th. Have a blessed Christmas break.

St. Francis
Community Sunday Lunch
is canceled for January 1st.

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Congratulations Patsy McClean who won the Thermopolis CCW benchchest raffle.

*A light will shine on us this day:
the Lord is born for us. Ps 97*



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Daily Mass Schedule, Mass Intentions & Readings for the Week

<u>Monday, December 26, 2022</u>	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
St. Stephen	Mt 10:17-22
No Mass	
<u>Tuesday, December 27, 2022</u>	1 Jn 1:1-4
St. John	Jn 20:1a & 2-8
Mass: 5:00 p.m.	
Intention: John Leonetti +	
<u>Wednesday, December 28, 2022</u>	1 Jn 1:5-2:2
The Holy Innocents	Mt 2:13-18
Mass: 8:00 a.m.	
Intention: Clima Famiy +	
<u>Thursday, December 29, 2022</u>	1 Jn 2:3-11
No Mass	Lk 2:22-35
<u>Friday, December 30, 2022</u>	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph	Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Mass: 8:00 a.m.	
Intention: Sr. Dorothy Henscheid	
Holy Hour: 5:00 p.m.	
<u>Saturday, December 31, 2022</u>	1 Jn 2:18-21
No Mass	Jn 1:1-18
No Confession	
<u>Sunday, January 1, 2022</u>	Nm 6:22-27
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Mass: 9:00 a.m.	Gal 4:4-7
Intention: Dusty Whitehead	Lk 2:16-21
No Spanish Mass	
Mass: 5:00 p.m.	
Intention: Pro Populo	
Confession: 3:00-4:30 p.m. or anytime by appointment	

Deceased +

St. Mary Magdalen
Weekend Lay Ministry Schedule:

	January 1 9:00 a.m.	January 1 5:00 p.m.
Lectors:	Mike Warner	Connie Clark
Altar Servers:	Abby Martinson Hazel Martinson Lincoln Martinson	Sarah Tommerup Todd Tommerup Hannah Tommerup
Eucharistic Ministers:	Nancy Critz	Kim Dworshak
Musicians:	Kristi/girls	Connor/Lucy
Coffee and Rolls:	Jeffrey and Brianna St Clair	

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Please pick up your 2023 offertory envelopes.
They are outside the parish office.



If you would like to sponsor Altar flowers please call the office for more information and to get on the schedule.

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God. Ps 98

Coffee and Rolls 2023

Dates available:
July 30

October 29

December 31

Call the office to get on the schedule.



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Last Weekend's Collection: \$2,650

Building fund: \$25,089.09

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